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To the Old Fletton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December 1943.

The report has been constructed on similar lines to the arrangement adopted for reasons of security in last year's report.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health ..... V. D. Buchanan, L.R.C.P. & S. Ed.

Sanitary Inspector ..... S. Haigh, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

LIVE BIRTHS

Birth Rate per 1000 population 15.7

STILL BIRTHS

Rate per 1000 total births 7.8

DEATHS

Death rate per 1000 population 10.9

Deaths from Puerperal Causes per 1000 total (live and still) births ..... Nil

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births 63

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 57.8

Illegitimate ,, ,, ,, illegitimate ,, ,, ... 166.6

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 9

Deaths from Measles (all ages) .... Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .... Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) .... Nil

RATES

	Per 1,000 Population			Per 1,000 Live Births
	Live Births	Still Births	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
Fletton	15.7	0.12	10.9	63
England & Wales	16.5	0.51	12.1	49

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The provision of health services within the area generally remains unaltered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in past years.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1943.

Complaints received	Total No. of	303
Premises, houses, etc.	No. inspected	300
	Nuisances abated	50
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse	No. inspected	2
	Nuisances abated	2
Animals improperly kept	No. inspected	2
	Nuisances abated	Nil
Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit	No. inspected	5
	Nuisances abated	5
Drain, Drain-traps, etc., etc.	No. inspected	20
	Nuisances abated	20
House, or part thereof, overcrowded	No. inspected	2
	Nuisances abated	2
Smoke nuisances	No. of observations	Nil
	Nuisances abated	Nil
Offensive accumulations	No. inspected	2
	Nuisances abated	2
Other sanitary conditions	No. inspected	Nil
	Nuisances abated	Nil
*Slaughter houses	No. licensed or registered	Nil
	No. of inspections	Nil
Offensive trades (Health Act 1936)	No. established	Nil
	No. of inspections	Nil
Housing Act, 1936	No. houses condemned	Nil
	No. closed	Nil
	No. cleaned and limewashed	Nil
Food—seizures of unwholesome	No. of	Nil
—voluntary surrender	Quantity	1280 lbs.

* Closed under the Food Acts (Slaughtering carried out at controlled slaughterhouse, Peterborough.)

Infectious Disease	Houses affected with Scarlet Fever	13
	Houses inspected	13
	No. of inspections	13
	Houses disinfected	13
	Schools ,, ...	Nil
	Disinfectant used	Formalin
	Lots of clothing disinfected	Nil
	,, ,, destroyed	Nil
Water closets	New provided	Nil
	No. supplied with water	Nil
Ashbins	New provided	25
Water supply	Samples taken for analysis	52
	,, condemned	Nil
	Wells closed	Nil
	Wells cleansed, repaired, etc.	Nil
	Public supply substituted for well or pond	Nil
	Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered	Nil
	Waste pipes disconnected from drain	Nil

Total Legal Proceedings, *i.e.*, Summonses, etc.	Nil
Convictions	Nil

S. HAIGH,

Sanitary Inspector.

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during 1943.

DISEASE	TOTAL	under 1 year	1 — 2	2 — 3	3 — 4	4 — 5	5 — 10	10 — 15	15 — 20	20 — 35	35 — 45	45 — 65	65 & upwards	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	13	—	—	—	1	2	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Measles	172	6	6	13	22	24	98	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	4	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SCABIES.

The question of making Scabies a notifiable disease and of the provision of facilities for free treatment for the inhabitants of the district arose. Present facilities comprise six beds at the Hunts. Isolation Hospital, for treatment of severe cases which cannot be treated at home. With regard to treatment at home, health visitors visit patients known to be suffering from Scabies, and proffer advice and instruction on how to carry out treatment recommended by the Doctor, and that they visit such cases until cured. This information was sent to the Minister of Health in support of the application to have Scabies compulsorily notifiable. The Minister of Health stated that under present conditions he could not agree to the proposal that Scabies should be made a notifiable disease.

The incidence of Scabies reported in the District for the past 12 months has fortunately been very small, and unless further contingents of evacuees come into the District is not likely to cause any grave concern.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The declining trend of Diphtheria is a most satisfactory feature of the Returns, nevertheless, the campaign for Immunisation must be vigorously prosecuted. Although it is a voluntary matter, the response of parents continues to improve, this being particularly noticeable in the under 5 years old group.

At the close of the year, 31st December, 1943, the percentage of the child population of the District who had received Diphtheria prophylactic treatment was as follows:—

(a) Children under 5 years of age 57.6%
(b) Children between 5 and 15 years of age 91.4%

The arrangements made by the Local Authority to cover this scheme of free immunisation against diphtheria have been found to function in an extremely satisfactory manner and have been adequate to meet all requirements.

Tuberculosis.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
25	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
45	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL :—	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936 dealing with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

V. D. BUCHANAN,

Medical Officer of Health.